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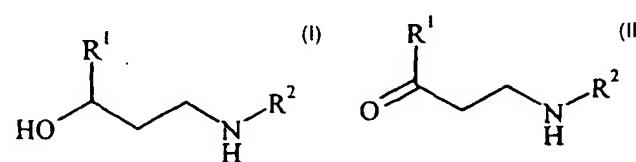
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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF *N*-MONOSUBSTITUTED β -AMINO ALCOHOLSR¹ and R² are as defined above.

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a process for the synthesis of *N*-monosubstituted β -amino alcohols of formula (I) and/or an addition salt of a proton acid, wherein R¹ and R² independently represent alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl, each being optionally further substituted with alkyl, alkoxy and/or halogen via direct preparation of *N*-monosubstituted β -amino ketones of formula and its addition salts of proton acids, wherein